

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for dynamic ingress to egress tunnel mapping from a first communication network to a second communication network includes receiving a
5 tunneled communication from a subscriber using the first communication network,
determining egress tunnel selection criteria for the tunneled communication, selecting
one of at least one egress tunnel based on the egress tunnel selection criteria and
forwarding the tunneled communication on the selected egress tunnel. The egress tunnel
selection criteria indicate the basis for selecting one of the egress tunnels. An apparatus
10 for dynamic ingress to egress tunnel mapping from a first communication network to a
second communication network includes a receiving interface to receive a tunneled
communication from a subscriber using the first communication network, an egress
tunnel selection criteria determiner to determine egress tunnel selection criteria for the
tunneled communication, an egress tunnel selector to select one of at least one egress
15 tunnel based on the egress tunnel selection criteria and a session forwarder to forward the
tunneled communication on the selected egress tunnel. In one aspect of the invention,
tunnel mapping is performed between Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol (L2TP) ingress and
egress tunnels.